# November 2008

# Training Tracker

**Utah Public Charter Schools** 



These sessions are geared specifically for <u>principals</u>, <u>directors</u>, and school administrators.

# November 19, 2008 WEDNESDAY...

# Developing a Productive Relationship with Your Board

\*We'll talk about ways to proactively strengthen administrators' relationships with their boards.

# <u>December, 2008</u> No Dialogue Session this month

# <u>January 30, 2009</u>

# **Teacher Evaluations**

\*We'll discuss not only evaluations by administrators, but also how to have a conversation around a teacher's self-reflection.

Please see the charter school website for agendas, as well as training materials from previous sessions.

http://www.schools.utah.gov/charterschools/training.htm

# Other opportunities:

## November 6-7, 2008:

6<sup>th</sup>-USEAM (Utah State Sp. Ed. Admin. Mtg) 12:00-3:00, Jones Center (SLC)

Contact: Rebecca Donovan (801) 538-7757

**7<sup>th</sup>-Consotium Meeting** 

8:30-12:00, Larry H. Miller Center (Sandy) Information: <a href="http://www.updc.org/">http://www.updc.org/</a>

### December 2, 2008:

ELL Training for Curriculum Directors Increasing Academic Achievement for ELLs 8:30-2:30, Jordan Auxiliary (Sandy) Registration Deadline: November 20, 2008

Curriculum Directors Meeting to immediately follow. Please contact Patty Hunt for registration and further information. Patty.Hunt@schools.utah.gov, (801) 538-7769

**Please, please, please** be mindful of RSVP deadlines and timeliness for USOE conferences and trainings – both acceptance and cancellations.

# **Upcoming Charter School Trainings**

## NOVEMBER, 2008:

**5** CUSAP – Working Session

(An anti-anxious, stress-reducing afternoon to work on CUSAP!)

City Academy, SLC

Anytime between 1pm and 5pm

Sponsored by SL Arts Academy's Charter Mentor Dissemination Project

Please RSVP to Susan Soleil susan@tapcs.org or 801-554-9495

10 Records Management Training

(For any school staff involved with student/teacher records)

**Law & Justice Center** 

2:30 - 5:00

Immediately following the directors' meeting

Please RSVP to Jeannie Rowland no later than Wed., Nov. 5.

Jeannie.Rowland@schools.utah.gov or 801-538-7676

19 <u>Monthly Directors' Discussion Session</u>

Developing a productive relationship with your board

USOE - Board Rooms

8:30 - 3:00

Lunch & chocolate provided

\*\*This is a Wednesday!

Please RSVP to Jeannie Rowland no later than <u>Wed., Nov. 12</u>. <u>Jeannie.Rowland@schools.utah.gov</u> or 801-538-7676

### DECEMBER, 2008:

A Monthly Directors' Discussion Session will not be held. Enjoy your break!

### **JANUARY, 2009:**

30 <u>Monthly Directors' Discussion Session</u>

<u>Teacher Evaluations</u>

**USOE – Board Rooms** 

8:30 - 3:00

Lunch & chocolate provided

Julie Quinn is working on future dates (January & February) for UTIPS training via Wimba. Details to come...

### **DID YOU KNOW??**

Einstein Fellowship - Application Now Open! The Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship is a paid fellowship for K-12 math, science, and technology teachers. Einstein Fellows spend a school year in Washington, DC serving in a federal agency or on Capitol Hill. To be considered for an Einstein Fellowship for the 2009-2010 school year, apply and submit three letters of recommendation online by January 13, 2009. Apply online at <a href="https://applicationlink.labworks.org/applicationlink/default.htm">https://applicationlink.labworks.org/applicationlink/default.htm</a>
For more information about the Einstein Fellows program visit <a href="https://applicationlincorg/ein.htm">www.trianglecoalition.org/ein.htm</a> or contact Liz Burck at <a href="https://applicationlincorg/ein.htm">burckl@triangle-coalition.org/ein.htm</a> or contact Liz Burck at <a href="https://applicationlincorg/ein.htm">burckl@triangle-coalition.org/ein.htm</a> or contact Liz Burck at

**The USOE Curriculum Section –** maintains a Professional Development Calendar with opportunities for teachers. While not comprehensive, it is a great resource and most trainings are free! <a href="http://www.schools.utah.gov/online/webcalendar.pl?Op=Showlt-WebcalendarName=Curriculum Calendar">http://www.schools.utah.gov/online/webcalendar.pl?Op=Showlt-WebcalendarName=Curriculum Calendar</a>

**SchoolGrants.org** – "A number of grant opportunities are available to PK-12 schools through the U.S. Department of Education, each state's Department of Education, foundations and corporations. SchoolGrants provides annotated links to various grant opportunities to help you find programs that will help enrich the learning experience of students. Especially valuable to those who are new to grant writing, SchoolGrants provides tips on how to write successful proposals as well as links to a plethora of other sites that offer additional tips and resources." The very latest information is available to subscribers to the Biweekly Newsletter. Cost: \$45/year for a subscription.

# <u>Rules Approved by the Board and Scheduled to be Published</u> in the November 1, 2008 Utah State Bulletin

<u>R277-606</u> - Grants to Purchase or Retrofit Clean School Buses (Amended) First Possible Effective Date: December 8, 2008

<u>R277-470-17</u> - Charter School Building Subaccount (Amended) First Possible Effective Date: December 8, 2008

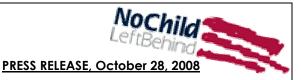
#### Details can be found:

http://www.schools.utah.gov/LAW/USBE Rules in Process.htm

"We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some are bright, some have weird names, and all are different colors.

But they all have to learn to live in the same box."

-Unknown



### U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings Announces Final Regulations to Strengthen No Child Left Behind

U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings announced final regulations to strengthen and clarify No Child Left Behind (NCLB), focusing on improved accountability and transparency, uniform and disaggregated graduation rates and improved parental notification for Supplemental Education Services and public school choice. The Secretary made the announcement while speaking to educators, state and local policymakers and business leaders at South Carolina Educational Television in Columbia, S.C.

"NCLB has shined a spotlight on schools," said Secretary Spellings. "It is compelling grown ups to do the right thing by kids. And it's working. According to the Nation's Report Card, since 2000, more kids are learning reading and math. Since this law was passed, nearly one million more students have learned basic math skills. Children once left behind are making some of the greatest gains, but more work needs to be done. That's why I've taken a responsive, common sense approach to implementing the law with today's announcement."

#### Some highlights:

Under the new regulations, all states will use the same formula to calculate how many students graduate from high school on time and how many drop out.

The final rules announced by the Secretary also require that parents must be notified in a clear and timely way about their public school choice and supplemental education service options.

Several of the regulations seek to clarify elements of the law that require school systems to be accountable for results and transparent in their reporting to parents and the public.

The regulations outline the criteria that States must meet in order to incorporate individual student progress into the State's definition of Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).

Under the new regulations, the Secretary of Education will be required to continue the dialogue and address some of the more technical needs of the states through the National Technical Advisory Council.

http://www.ed.gov/news/pressreleases/2008/10/10282008.html